

In the Specification:

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[0041] First, as illustrated in Fig. 7A, the forming blade 102 is placed on the outer diameter side of the peripheral wall of the tubular blank B' supported by the rotating frame ~~4101~~ (holding frame 101a), and, at the same time, and is pressed against the outer peripheral surface of the side-edge portion of the tubular blank B', the side-edge portion being fixed to a predetermined position (fixed using the bolts 106b).

Please amend paragraph 42 as follows:

[0042] Then, as illustrated in Figs. ~~2B and 2C~~ 7B and 7C, the contact portion of the forming blade 102 is reciprocated from the side-edge portion fixed to a predetermined position radially inward along the outer peripheral surface shape (recess portion) of the tubular formed body M', the shape being indicated by a chain line, so that the diameter is reduced, and is moved in the axial direction, whereby a recess portion is formed in the peripheral wall of the tubular blank B' so as to continue in the circumferential direction. In a process in which the recess portion is formed in the peripheral wall of the tubular blank B' as described above, the movable side-edge portion coupled to the ring ~~8108~~ is gradually moved toward the portion fixed to a predetermined position, by the biasing force of the springs 109.

This movement differs depending on the length of the path along which the forming blade 102 moves when performing forming. Thus, as indicated by chain lines in the drawings, a wheel rim, which is the tubular formed body M' having a recess portion corresponding to a rim on the outside in the radial direction, is formed.